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AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY OUTPUT BEHIND

FARM MACHINERY DELIVERIES IAC -- Pravda, No 176, 25 Jun 49

Soviet industry and transport have an important task in guaranteeing the successful completion of the harvest. However, the Ministry of Agricultural Machinery and other industrial ministries are not meeting MTS and sovkhoz orders for combine motors, sprocket chains, and other spare parts for combines, threshers, and other harvesting machines. The Ministries of Construction Materials Industry, Timber and Paper Industry, and Petroleum Industry are not supplying lumber, construction and roofing materials, asphalt, and petroleum bitumen needed for current repair and construction of granaries, elevators, and grain driers.

The "Rostsel mash" (director Rybin, "Kommunar" (director Terekhov), Pervomayskiy plants (director Temeyer), and the Plant imeni Frunze, all under the Ministry of Agricultural Machine Building, have failed to deliver a great number of combines, reapers, horse- and tractor-drawn rakes, and other machines. The Tula, Zlatoust, and Taganrog plants of this ministry are far behind in the production of self-propelled combines. Almost 1,000 of these machines remain in these plants because the plant directors have not found time to equip them.

Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 147, 24 Jun 49

The Yegor'yevsk Machinery Plant (director, Motylev) was supposed to manufacture 350 straw rakes (trusil'nyy yashchik), of which 200 were to be delivered in June for the MS-600 threshing machines assembled in Plant No 5 of the "Mosoblsel'mash (Moscow Oblast Agricultural Machinery) Trust. All of the straw rakes are to be delivered by 1 August. However, as of 17 July the Yegor'yevsk Plant had made only a test model and a few rakes, due partly to difficulty in obtaining sheet iron from the Davydovskiy Mechanized Plant (director, Kuzovlev).

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The Plant imeni M. I. Kalinin in Leningrad is the only plant in the USSR which produces flax-harvesting combines. It is supplied with parts and assemblies by the Agricultural Machine Building Plant imeni Ukhtomskiy (director, Mayat) in Lyubertsy and other enterprises. The Plant imeni Kalinin is scheduled to ship a specific number of combines by 1 July, but as of 15 June it had shipped only two thirds of this number because the plant in Lyubertsy has failed during the entire first half year to meet its obligations in supplying more than 100 types of wrought-iron parts and assemblies.

The Plant imeni Kalinin has appealed to Goremykin, Minister of Agricultural Machine Building USSR, and his deputies, Martynov and Krysin, but with no success. The Main Supplies Administration of the Ministry of Agricultural Machine Building has not provided the Plant imeni Kalinin with a sufficient supply of standard quality steel and the necessary lumber.

The flax-harvesting combines produced by the Plant imeni Kalinin have more than 1,500 basic parts and are used in Kalinin, Pskov, Novgorod, Kirov, and other flax-raising oblasts.

Moskvoaskiy Bol'shevik, No 146, 23 Jun 49

Enterprises in Shcherbakovskiy Rayon, Moscow, have pledged to produce a considerable number of reapers for kolkhozes in the Moscow region. Several enterprises, including the "Santekhnoborudovaniye" (Sanitary Engineering Equipment) Plant and the "Severyanin" Plant, are lagging in production of parts for reapers. The bureau of the rayon Party Committee has issued an order for production of 150 reapers by the end of June.

MOWING MACHINE SHOP IN KHARKOV PLANT -- Pravda, No 175, 24 Jun 49

A shop for self-propelled MS-10 mowing machines is being set up in the "Serp i molot" Agricultural Machine Building Plant in Kharkov. The mowing machines are mounted on rubber-tired tractors.

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